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## **BLM seeks public comment on campground fee proposal**

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comment on its fee proposal designed to better manage the 18-Road Campground in the North Fruita Desert.

BLM is proposing to charge \$10 per night to camp at this 37-site campground, which currently has no fee. Fees collected would be used on-site primarily for basic maintenance. Fees would also be used for visitor information as well as to support an on-site campground host to provide visitor safety and on-site management.

“We are at the point where we can’t continue to meet the needs of the public who use this area without charging a basic overnight fee,” said BLM Grand Junction Field Manager Catherine Robertson.

The campground is at the heart of the North Fruita Desert Special Recreation Management Area, which includes more than 72,000 acres and 250 miles of designated recreation routes primarily devoted to non-motorized recreation activities. In particular, the area is well-known for its single track mountain biking opportunities.

BLM will present this fee proposal to the Colorado Northwest Resource Advisory Council on Dec. 1 in Gateway. The NW RAC is scheduled to make a recommendation about this proposal at this meeting.

The fee proposals are available for public review at the GJFO, located at 2815 H Road, in Grand Junction, or online at <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/gjfo.html>. Comments may be e-mailed to [GJFO\\_webmail@blm.gov](mailto:GJFO_webmail@blm.gov), or dropped off or mailed to BLM GJFO, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506. Comments will be most helpful if they are received by Nov. 18, 2011. For more information, call Michelle Bailey (970) 244-3047.

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